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CHAPTER 3
THE BEAT OF A HEART 1

WHY DID I START LIKING MATSUBUE-KUN?
I WONDER,
...

AND BESIDES, I DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN BY ANYONE.
DRAG DRAG DRAG
EHH, NO! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!?

IT'S ALL RIGHT. NO ONE COMES AROUND HERE. I WANT TO DO IT RIGHT NOW.
...

GEEZ, I REALLY WANNA CLEAN YOUR EAR. HOW'S IT? FEELING GOOD?
...

ALL RIGHT, LIE DOWN, LIE DOWN, TOGAWA.
...

I GUESS THERE IS NO COUPLE WHO WOULD CLEAN EARS SECRETLY IN AN EMPTY PARK...
IF IT WAS A NORMAL COUPLE,
THEY'D KISS EACH OTHER...
BUT THIS FEELS RATHER GOOD, SO IT'S OKAY...
...AH!!

HM!?
UMM. I'M TAKING OUT A BIG ONE. I'M ALMOST THERE...
DAMN DAMN
HEY!! WATCH OUT!!
MATSU-BUE-KUN, WE SHOULD LEAVE NOW!!
GET UP
KOUSAKA-KUN!!
IT'S TOGAWA ARIKA!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT!? TOGAWA!?

RUN
HEY!! DON'T MOVE SUDDENLY WHEN I'M CLEANING YOUR EAR!!
WHY IS THAT GUY HERE...?
I WAS ABOUT TO TAKE OUT A BIG ONE THERE!!
EVEN THOUGH I'VE TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT HIM SINCE I ENTERED A HIGH SCHOOL...
NOW IS NOT THE TIME!!!
UM...
DO YOU KNOW HER?
WHY DID THE GUY I LIKED WHEN I WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL APPEAR AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
UGH!!
SAY, HOW FAR HAVE YOU GONE WITH MATSUBUE-KUN!?
BAKER

EH? ...NOT YET....
YOU ALREADY KISSED HIM, RIGHT?
YOU'VE BEEN GOING OUT WITH HIM FOR MORE THAN HALF-YEAR, RIGHT?
HE CLEANED MY EAR...
BUT...
CHOMP
YOU TWO HASN'T DONE ANYTHING? THAT'S STRANGE.
EHH!!
SNAP
GOT A FRIED PRAWN, OK?
I DON'T THINK SO.
SLURP SLURP
EHH!? DOES HE!?
HE MUST BE THINKING HE WANT TO KISS AND SLEEP WITH YOU...
BUT IN HIS HEART,
YET ONE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AH CHIEE
IF THERE'S REALLY NOTHING, I MEAN... HE'S NOT DOING ANYTHING TO YOU...
!
THAT'S TOO STRAIGHT
HE IS!! SAIMON FUMI-SENSEI SAYS "MEET, KNOW, SLEEP WITH" ARE THE THREE PRINCIPALS OF LOVE!!
SEE.
THEORY OF LOVE BY FU-MIN
PHP
PHP

SPLASH
YOU IDIOT!!
AH, I SHAKED COLA, SORRY!!
SHYOO SHYOO
PSSHH
AH, I SQUEEZED TOO HARD, SORRY!!
SP LA SH
JAM
YOU'RE NOTHING TO HIM, MAYBE?
...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!!
EVEN THOUGH I TOLD MATSUBUE-KUN TO WALK HOME TOGETHER, HE LEFT TOO EARLY!!
HEY, TOGAWA!!
GEEZ!!

WAS IT YOUR NEW BOYFRIEND THAT YOU WERE WITH IN THE PARK YESTERDAY?
...
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU. IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
KOUSAKA-KUN...
NO~~~~ EHEHE...
YOU WERE WITH SOME GIRL! YOU'RE BUSY FLIRTING WITH GIRLS AS USUAL.
YEAH.
COME ON~~ YOU'RE STUBBORN AS USUAL.
UM!?
I DON'T CARE IF I'M NOT PRETTY
I THINK YOU LOOK PRETTIER WITH LONG HAIR AND NO GLASSES LIKE YOU DID IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
BY THE WAY, YOU CUT YOUR HAIR. ALSO, WHAT'S THESE GEEKY GLASSES?
SPIN

WELL, I WAS CURIOUS TO KNOW WHEN YOU'D NOTICE THAT....
A HA HA
I CANNOT BE LESS CAREFUL...
SLAP
H-HEY! WHY ARE YOU HOLDING ME AROUND THE SHOULDERS WITHOUT MY NOTICE!?
AWAY!
I HEARD TODAWA WAS LOOKING FOR YOU! MAYBE SHE WANTED TO WALK HOME WITH YOU?
YO!! MATSUBUE, LET'S WALK HOME TOGETHER!!
POOL CLOSED
HIGH SCHOOL
BACK GATE
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? YOU'VE OFTEN COME TO TALK TO ME LATELY... WELL, YOU ARE..
BIG SEC-RET!?
I'M TRYING TO UNCOVER IT!!
FUFUFU
HAMANO!! I SUSPECT THAT YOU'RE HIDING SOME BIG SECRET.
NOT THAT KIND OF A SECRET...
AH GEEZ... THIS IS GOOD...
I LIKE THE SMELL OF MY OWN SOCKS...

SAY, TOGAWA, CAN WE GO BACK TO THE WAY WE WERE?
EH!?
I HAVEN'T SETTLED DOWN MY FEELINGS AT ALL.
AND WE ENDED UP GOING TO DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS...
YOU SUDDENLY STARTED AVOIDING ME WITHOUT TELLING ME WHY.
...
CLOSE YOUR EYES. LET ME TAKE CARE OF IT.
WHERE?
RUB RUB
YOU GOT LINT ON YOUR LEFT EYELID.
LINT?
TOGAWA, YOUR EYELID.
EH?
TSK

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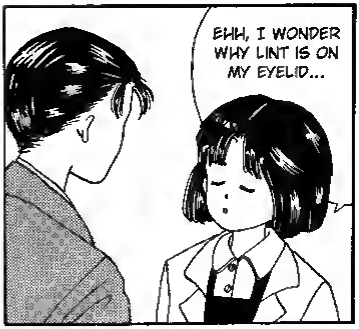
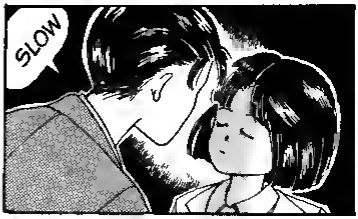
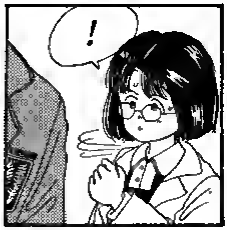

EHH, I WONDER WHY LINT IS ON MY EYELID...


SLOW

MATSU-BUE-KUN!!

...
SLAM!
AH.

EHEHE, YOU'RE AN HONEST GIRL, TOGAWA.
H-HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?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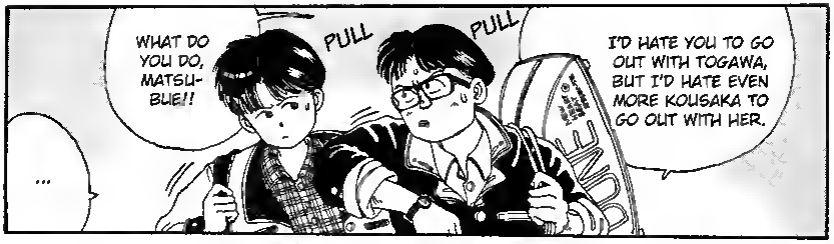
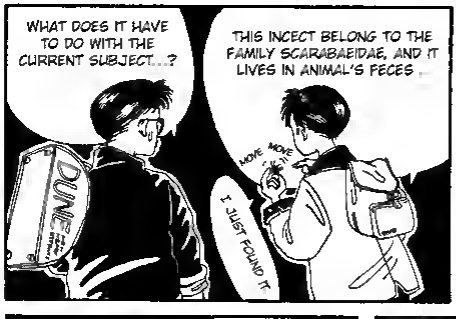
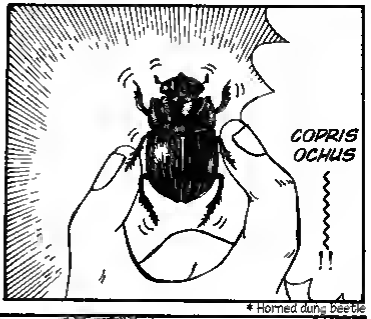
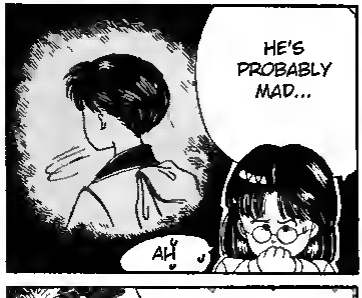
AH, HEY, MATSUBUE!!
HMPH
...
...
WHACK
AH!
I'M THE ONE WHO'S SCREWED!!
AH, IS HE YOUR BOYFRIEND!? OH NO, I'M SCREWED.
A HA HA
WAH! HE SAW IT! WHAT DO I DO!?
THAT WAS KOUSAKA FROM SHUEIKAN SCHOOL. MANY PEOPLE KNOW HIM AS A WOMANIZER. HIS PARENTS RUNS A HOSPITAL AND RICH.
OW...
YOU IDIOT, KOUSAKA-KUN!
I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
...
AH, COME TO THINK OF IT, HE WENT TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS TOGAWA.
EXCITES MY INTEREST IN YOU.
I SOUND LIKE A MIDDLE AGED GUY
BUT YOUR HONESTY

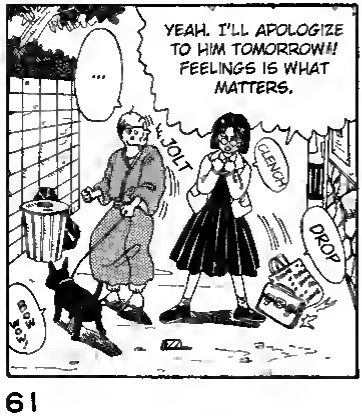



WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH THE CURRENT SUBJECT...?
THIS INCECT BELONG TO THE FAMILY SCARABAEIDAE, AND IT LIVES IN ANIMAL'S FECES ...
I JUST FOUND IT
MOVE MOVE



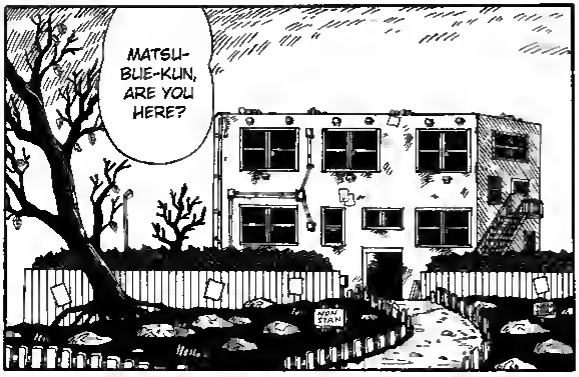
* Horned dung beetle

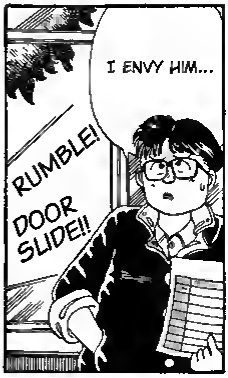




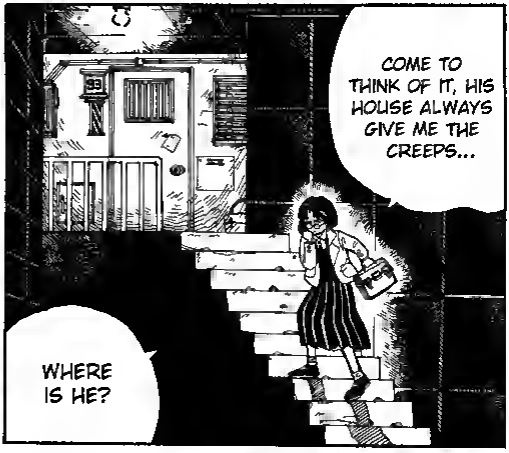
WHAT DO I DO? I DIDN'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT KISSING WITH SOMEBODY BY PURE-HEARTED MATSUBUE-KUN...
I'M NOT SURE IF HE IS PURE-HEARTED THOUGH
CLANG!

AH, WAS MATSUBUE-KUN ALL RIGHT AFTER THAT?
HAMANO-KUN
MAYBE WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY WAS TOO SCHOKING FOR HIM
MATSUBUE IS TAKING DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL TODAY
A HA HA
WELL...
GLANCE
GLANCE
EH?
WHY DON'T YOU VISIT HIS HOME RIGHT NOW?
EHH? WHAT DO I DO? AS I THOUGHT, HE WAS MAD
AH, HE ALWAYS ACTS STRANGE THOUGH ..
UMM, HE WAS ACTING STRANGE A BIT...
THANKS, HAMANO-KUN.
YEAH!!
...
I'M ON THE HEALTH COMMITTEE. I CAN FAKE YOUR EARLY DISMISSAL SLIP ..
FLAP
I'M LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY!!
CLATTER
TOGAWA, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HM?
COMIC EVENING


MATSU-BUE-KUN, ARE YOU HERE?


I ENVY HIM...
RUMBLE!
DOOR SLIDE!!

WAAHH!!
HERE!!
BITE


COME TO THINK OF IT, HIS HOUSE ALWAYS GIVE ME THE CREEPS...
WHERE IS HE?

WHY ARE YOU TAKING DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL TODAY?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
MATSUBUE -KUN!!
HEY, TOGAWA? AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE SCHOOL NOW?

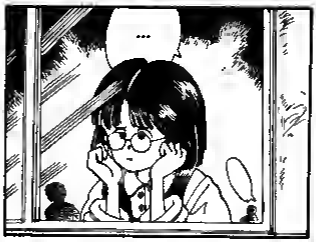
*TL note: an object of worship housed in a Shinto shrine and believed to contain the spirit of a deity

WIPE WIPE ♪
NO, I DON'T CARE AT ALL.
NOT AT ALL!?
EH!? YOU DON'T CARE THAT I KISSED HIM?
WIPE WIPE ♪
NO, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN.
OR DO ANYTHING WITH ANOTHER GUY!?
SO YOU DON'T GIVE A DAMN EVEN IF I KISS
YOU'RE NOTHING TO HIM, MAYBE?
NO...
YOU IDIOT, MATSU BUE-KUN!!
SLAM
HEY, TOGAWA, DON'T TREAT GOSHINTAI LIKE THAT.
GRAB
AH!!

OW...
I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT MAKING IT

SCREW YOU
SCREW YOU
SCREW YOU

SMACK!!
OW.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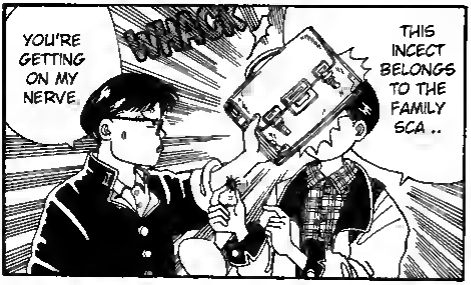
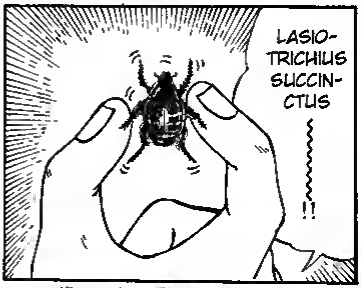
YOU LEFT YOUR BAG AT MY HOUSE YESTERDAY.
AHAHA, THAT'S GREAT

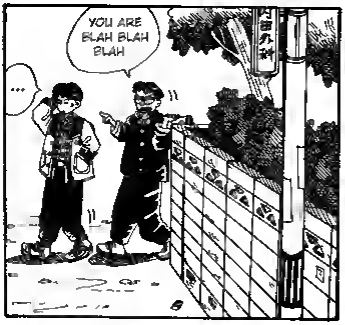
I HAD ENOUGH!!
EH?
CLATTER!!
HOW DARE YOU COME TO SEE ME AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED BEFORE...
EH!? YEAH.
AHAHA AND THEN, I
HM? ARE YOU WALKING HOME ALONE TODAY?
SLIDE
A HA HA.
GLANCE
NOT TODAY.
YOU USUALLY WALKED HOME WITH MATSUBUE-KUN, DIDN'T YOU?
HA HA HA
HAH...
SLOW
...

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
EHEHE, I WAS WAITING FOR YOU.
KOU-SAKA-KUN!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
GUESS WHO.
WAAHH....!!
CATCHES
DON'T EVER COME TO SEE ME.
IF YOU WANT TO EXPRESS YOUR APOLOGY,
ABOUT THE KISS THE OTHER DAY.
I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY APOLOGY TO YOU...
WELL...
YOU AGAIN...
HAMANO!! TOGAWA LEFT SCHOOL EARLY WITHOUT YOU AGAIN.
HEY, MATSUBUE, LET'S WALK HOME TOGETHER!!
TAP





*Far-eastern (himetora) flower chafer beetle



LEAN
CHAK
EH?
CAN I BORROW YOUR LEFT ARM FOR A WHILE?
!
AH!!
!
?

WHAT AM I...
...TO MATSUBUE-KUN?
WHAT AM I...
HEY, TOGAWA!!
HMPF
H-HEY, MATSUBUE!
SEE YOU.

MATSU-BUE-KUN
AH, HEY, TOGAWA!
SLIP
...
PPooo
SLAP!
...
!